



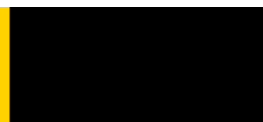
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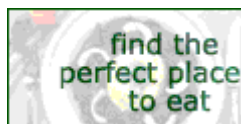
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## Corzine: N.J. loser in budget

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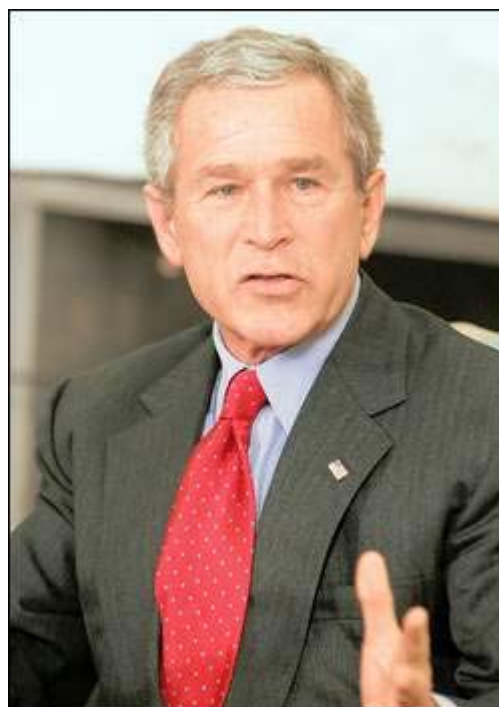
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WASHINGTON — Under President Bush's proposed \$2.57 trillion budget for 2006, New Jersey could lose nearly \$300 million, Sen. Jon S. Corzine, said Wednesday, citing statistics from a liberal think tank.

"Regrettably, the priorities reflected in this administration's budget proposal are wrong for America and wrong for the people of New Jersey," said Corzine, D-N.J., during a Senate Budget Committee hearing.

Among the hardest hit areas in the state under Bush's proposed budget would be school programs, Medicaid and Amtrak service, said Corzine, who cited statistics from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

The White House referred questions on the budget to its Web site, on which Bush makes his case that his budget plan would benefit New Jersey, saying the state would receive more than \$278 million for education programs to benefit low-income children. The budget also would provide more than \$348 million in special-education funding, the Web site said.



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The state would also receive \$101 million for the Army Corps of Engineers to deepen navigation channels in the New York/New Jersey Harbor, according to the Web site.

Corzine said the president wants to eliminate \$4.3 billion from education programs, which would affect more than 53,000 low-income students.

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